

REMARKS

Claims 1, 7-12, and 21-24 are pending in this Application. Applicant has amended claims 1, 7, and 24 to define the claimed invention more particularly, to define a new patentable claim, and to raise a new issue for the Examiner's consideration, thereby precluding a First Action Final Rejection. No new matter is added.

It is noted that the claim amendments are made only for more particularly pointing out the invention, and not for distinguishing the invention over the prior art, narrowing the claims or for any statutory requirements of patentability. Further, Applicant specifically states that no amendment to any claim herein should be construed as a disclaimer of any interest in or right to an equivalent of any element or feature of the amended claim.

Applicant respectfully submits that the references of record would not have been combined as alleged by the Examiner and that, even if combined, the alleged combination of references would not teach or suggest each and every feature of the claimed invention.

That is, Squibbs (US 6,914,626) and Tanaka (US 6,888,565), either alone or in combination (arguendo) fail to teach or suggest, "*said information representing said photographing direction comprising a plurality of pieces of information respectively representing photographing directions*," as recited in claim 1, and similarly recited in claims 7 and 24.

Indeed, the Examiner does not even allege that the references teach or suggest this feature of the claimed invention.

The Examiner relies upon Tanaka for allegedly teaching the information representing a photographing direction from the photographing point to a subject.

Applicant submits that the information representing the photographing direction in Tanaka is not a plurality of pieces of information respectively representing photographing directions, as recited in independent claims 1, 7, and 24.

More specifically, even assuming (arguendo) that Tanaka discloses displaying information representing only in one direction in which a camera is seeing (viewing), Tanaka does not teach or suggest a plurality of pieces of information respectively representing photographing directions which a user desires (e.g., see Tanaka at column 4, lines 4, 58, and 59; column 6, line 13; Fig. 5, steps 514 and 515). Therefore, similar to Squibbs, Tanaka fails to teach or suggest the final claim limitation of claims 1, 7, and 24.

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Accordingly, the alleged combination of Squibbs with Tanaka fails to teach or suggest, "*said information representing said photographing direction comprising a plurality of pieces of information respectively representing photographing directions,*" as recited in claim 1, and similarly recited in claims 7 and 24.

Furthermore, Applicant submits that support for claims 1, 7, and 21 could be found at least in circular mark 188 of Fig. 12 and its related text in the specification of present Application.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1, 7-12, and 21-24, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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